MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 9:00 a.m. Room 519 Howse Office Building, Lansing

Representative Accavitti, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Accavitti, Mayes, Angerer, Brown, Ebli, Hammon, Hopgood, Lemmons, Lindberg, Melton, Miller, Nofs, Palsrok, Huizenga, Moolenaar, Horn, Opsommer. (17/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Clemente, Gazlield. (2/19)

Representative Angerer made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 16, 2007. No objections being offered, the minutes were adopted by anammous consent.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding Renewable Portfolio Standards:

Richard Polich, representing Energy Options and Solutions

Gregory Keoleian, representing the University of Michigan Center for Sustainable System

Jim Croce, CEO of NextEnergy

Bernie Lieberg, representing K&M Mackine-Fabricating, Inc.

Topics discussed included the study entitled "Michigan at a Climate Crossroads: Strategies for Guiding the State in a Carbon Constrained World", which included the Michigan Emissions Sector Breakdown; projected climate change for Michigan; stabilizing the atmospheric concentration of CO2; a comparison of economy-wide climate change proposals in the 110th Congress; renewable portfolio standard (RPS); appliance energy standards; alternative fuels; carbon sequestration; building codes; mass transit development/enhancement; alternative vehicle technology; and combined heat and power. A review of alternative energy opportunity, economic impacts model results, renewable energy and Michigan manufacturing, and a Michigan manufacturer's perspective were also reviewed with the Committee. The operations of K&M Machine-Fabricating, Inc. were explained as were various wind power components manufactured by K&M. Questions were answered for Committee members.

Representative Palsrok made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Accavitti declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:40 a.m.

